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# LETTER DATED 9 NOVEMBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ITALY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 9 November 1993 addressed to you by the Hon. Mario Raffaelli, Chairman of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) Minsk Conference on Nagorny Karabakh.

I would appreciate it if the letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) F. Paolo FULCI
Permanent Representative

## Annex

### Letter dated 9 November 1993 from the Chairman-in-Office of the Minsk Conference on Nagorny Karabakh addressed to the President of the Security Council

Enclosed please find:

(a) The text of a declaration approved in Vienna by the nine countries of the CSCE Minsk Group on Nagorny Karabakh, concerning the latest developments in the conflict on the ground;

(b) The package proposal worked out by the same nine countries and submitted to the parties to the conflict as a result of the meeting of the Minsk Group from 2 to 8 November 1993.

I shall keep you informed of further developments concerning the efforts to achieve a peaceful settlement of the conflict.

(Signed) Mario RAFFAELLI
Chairman-in-Office of the CSCE Minsk
Conference on Nagorny Karabakh

Enclosure I

Declaration of the Nine

The nine Minsk Group countries - Germany, United States of America, Belarus, France, Italy, Russian Federation, Sweden, Czech Republic and Turkey - vigorously condemn the behaviour of the parties to the recent hostilities in the Nagorny Karabakh conflict during the most recent cease-fire violation and the seizure of additional territory by force.

These actions constitute unacceptable violations of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) principle of non-use of force and undercut the efforts of the international community to find a peaceful solution to this conflict. Those responsible for these events have added to the suffering of their own people.

The nine countries also condemn the looting, burning and destruction of villages and towns, which cannot be justified under any standards of civilized behaviour. No acquisition of territory by force can be recognized, and the occupation of territory cannot be used to obtain international recognition or to impose a change of legal status.

The Nine request the unilateral withdrawal of occupying forces from the areas of Goradiz and Zangelan and the immediate restoration and prolongation of the cease-fire which was broken.

They insist on the acceptance of their proposed timetable providing for a full and permanent cease-fire, withdrawals from occupied territories and the dispatching of a monitor mission, leading to the early convening of the Minsk Conference. Acceptance of this timetable (called for by United Nations Security Council resolution 874 (1993)) is essential to implement United Nations Security Council resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993) and 874 (1993), which should all be fully complied with. All issues not dealt with in the timetable, including the status of Nagorny Karabakh, will be decided through negotiations at the Minsk Conference.

The Nine expect the leaders of all the parties to express specific, clear-cut assurances of their readiness to refrain from the use of force in the solution of this conflict and to take concrete steps to demonstrate their commitment to the negotiating process, in particular by issuing a unilateral cease-fire declaration and by participating constructively in the Minsk Group negotiations. This would facilitate agreement on the comprehensive proposal of the Nine, early return of refugees and displaced persons to their homes and the steps which will be necessary for people on both sides to survive the winter.

The Nine wish to warn the parties to the conflict that they will be held responsible for cease-fire violations and excesses in the use of force in response to violations. Such behaviour is incompatible with the negotiating process and will be condemned before world opinion. If the leaders of the parties wish to be viewed as responsible authorities, they must act responsibly.

Enclosure II

Package proposal by the nine countries of the Minsk Group on the Nagorny Karabakh conflict, dated 8 November 1993

The package proposal is based on the proposal of the Nine (see S/26522, appendix), amended as follows:

1. Concerning the first preambular paragraph, the present text of the Nine will remain, with the expression "political status" replaced by "legal status".

2. The following sentence will be included in the preamble:

"The opening of the Minsk Conference can in no way be interpreted as implying acceptance or recognition of the situation on the ground. Questions relating to or arising from the conflict and not addressed in the timetable (including withdrawal or displaced persons/refugee questions such as Lachin, Shusha/Shushi, Shahurnian/Garanboy and the enclaves) will remain open and are to be resolved at the Conference."

3. The Preparatory Meeting (taking place before the withdrawal) will deal with all questions concerning the procedure and the decision-making process of the Conference.

4. Withdrawals will be included in the timetable in the following order:

(a) Kubatli (and Zangelan, if withdrawal has not been effected already);

(b) Fizuli (and Goradiz, including the main road along the Iranian border, if withdrawal has not been effected already);

(c) Agdam;

(d) Mardakert;

(e) Djebrail;

(f) Kalbajar.

All withdrawals will take place before the inauguration of the Minsk Conference.

5. The question of Azeri villages allegedly occupied in Kazakh, Zangelan and Nakhichevan will be taken care of by:

(a) An obligation to respect the Azeri-Armenian international border;

(b) Visits by the CSCE Monitor Mission.

6. United Nations Security Council resolutions 822 (1993), 853 (1993) and 874 (1993) will be attached to the timetable as "essential guidelines".

7. All other clauses agreed in Vienna (such as on refugees, announcements, emergency meetings of the Minsk Group, etc.) will be included.

8. Technical changes recommended by CSCE military experts and other technical changes will be included in the timetable.

All other clauses of the "adjusted timetable" dated 28 September 1993 not affected by the above points are confirmed.

A new version of the timetable based on the above points will be sent to the parties as early as possible.

Parties will be required to reply by 22 November 1993.

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